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The United States within the past week has received unimpeachable evidence that missiles with ranges of 1000 and 2000 miles and capable of carrying nuclear warheads are in Cuba and are being put into operational readiness. Bomber aircraft have also arrived and are being assembled. This activity can in no sense of the word be termed defensive. It completely alters the situation that has heretofore existed, since it puts practically the entire United States, all of Central America and a large part of South America within reach of attack from Cuba.

The United States has frequently and clearly expressed its point of view on this subject, both in statements by

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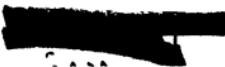
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the President on September 4 and 13 and by the Joint Resolution of the United States Congress adopted on September 26.

There is no reason for anyone to be in ignorance of the gravity with which the United States regards the installation of offensive weapons in Cuba.

The installation of these weapons is a threat ~~not only~~ to the United States but also to all the American States. This was clearly stated at Punta del Este when -- etc., etc. It was reiterated at the meeting of Foreign Ministers of the American States in October -----, etc. The Cuban Government has chosen to utterly disregard these views.

In addition the installation of these dangerous offensive weapons is contrary to repeated statements by Cuban leaders that Cuba had not desire to threaten any other nation. (Possibly expand by good quote.)

 In view

In view of these considerations the Cuban Government must have been well aware that the installation of such weapons would be intolerable to the United States. The Cuban Government, nevertheless, chose to embark on this dangerous course and to assume the responsibility for its consequences.

The United States does indeed consider the installation of these offensive weapons to be an intolerable threat to the peace of the Americas. The United States in accordance with its traditions desires to preserve and strengthen peace, but it is fully prepared to meet its responsibilities. It will not permit the continued existence in Cuba of offensive weapons which threaten the security of the whole hemisphere.

The responsibility of the Government of Cuba for creating this threat to the peace is clear. So is its responsibility for

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for any action that may be required to remove the threat.

Only an instant decision by the Cuban Government to renounce this dangerous course, and to publicly agree that the offending weapons will be immediately removed from Cuban soil under full international inspection can prevent the gravest developments. The United States sincerely hopes that the Cuban Government will instantly recognize the enormity of the responsibilities it has ~~xxxxxx~~ assumed and will make such a public announcement. Otherwise the full responsibility for all and any consequences will rest with the Cuban Government.

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